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Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee

**Thursday, March 21, 2019
30 minutes after adjournment
Blatt Room 110**

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- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Tallon Sr. calls the Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting to order on Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members are present during all or part of the meeting: Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon, Representative Gary E. Clary, Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV, Representative Chandra E. Dillard, Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Representative Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson, and Representative Robert Q. Williams.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.
- II. Representative Williams moves to approve the minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Williams moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's February 21, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Not present for vote)
Rep. Clary			✓
Rep. Caskey	✓		
Rep. Dillard	✓		
Rep. Jefferson			✓
Rep. Johnson			✓
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Williams	✓		

Discussion of the S.C. Department of Corrections

- I. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of today's meeting is to hear testimony from a member of the public who requested to testify after the last meeting and for the Department of Corrections (SCDC) to present information about its operations organizational unit.
- II. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. He reminds agency personnel previously sworn in that they remain under oath. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon swears in the following agency personnel:
 - a. Mr. Trevis Shealy, Division Director - Information Technology;
 - b. Mr. Joel Anderson, Interim Director – Operations;
 - c. Mr. Dennis Patterson, Assistant Deputy Director - Operations;
 - d. Ms. Wanda Hawkins, Administrative Coordinator – Operations;
 - e. Mr. Joseph Stines, Director of Special Projects - Operations;
 - f. Mr. Colie Rushton, Division Director – Security;
 - g. Ms. Joette Scarborough, Division Director – Central Classification and Inmate Records

- h. Ms. Stacey Richardson, Assistant Division Director – Reception and Evaluation;
- i. Ms. Karin Ho, Division Director – Victim Services;
- j. Mr. Wayne McCabe, Regional Director - Operations;
- k. Mr. Kyle Caldwell, Assistant Director - Recruiting and Employment;
- l. Ms. Alice Mascio, Division Director – Visitation and Inmate drug testing;
- m. Ms. Tessie Smith, Division Director – Training and Staff Development
- n. Ms. Ginny Barr, Division Director – Young Offender Parole and Reentry Services;
- o. Mr. Glenn Stone, Administrative Regional Director - Operations;
- p. Mr. Willie Davis, Interim Regional Director - Operations;
- q. Mr. Randall Williams, Warden, Lieber Correctional Institution;

III. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains that prior to hearing the public testimony, he would like the agency to explain the issues regarding SCDC releasing inmates early due to inadvertently miscalculating the inmates release dates, including (1) how the errors occurred in these calculations; (2) whether there is any supervisory or other review to confirm a calculation before an inmate is actually released; and (3) whether any appropriate disciplinary action occurred, if warranted. Mr. Shealy, SCDC Division Director for Information Technology, Ms. Scarborough, SCDC Division Director for Central Classification and Inmate Records, and Mr. Brian Stirling, SCDC Executive Director, provide testimony. Members ask questions, which agency personnel answer.

IV. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon reminds Mr. Ralph Bell, a member of the public, that he remains under oath, as he was sworn in during the Committee's public input meeting. Mr. Bell testifies about issues with inmate visitation encountered by families of inmates. Members ask questions, which Mr. Bell answers.

V. Mr. Anderson presents information on the agency's operations organizational unit, with the assistance of other agency personnel from that unit, including, but not limited to:

- a. Overview of unit;
- b. Organizational flow chart for unit;
- c. Division of visitation and inmate drug testing;
 - i. Overview and deliverables of division;
- d. Division of classification and inmate records;
 - i. Overview of division;
 - ii. Organizational flow chart for division;

- iii. Timeline of reception and evaluation process;
- iv. Timeline of an inmate day (male) at the reception and evaluation center;
- v. Timeline of an inmate day (female) at the reception and evaluation center; and
- vi. Deliverables of division.

VI. Members ask questions related to topics, including, but not limited to, those below, which Mr. Anderson and other agency personnel answer:

- a. Sentencing sheets;
- b. Costs of drug tests for inmates;
- c. Minimum length of sentence for inmates to come to SCDC facility (91 days);
- d. Statistics and costs involved in processing inmates at reception and evaluation centers;
- e. Education level of inmates entering SCDC facilities;
- f. Classification system for inmates;
- g. Information available to families of inmates that enter SCDC facilities; and
- h. Illegal aliens housed at SCDC facilities.

VII. Rep. Clary makes a motion during the meeting, which is listed below. A roll call vote is held for the motion, and, among the members present, the motion passes unanimously.

Rep. Clary moves that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that SCDC, S.C. Court Administration, and other impacted parties come together to perform a complete review of the sentencing sheet process, create an updated version, and appropriate updated instructions for how to complete.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Not present for vote)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Caskey			✓
Rep. Dillard	✓		
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Williams	✓		

VIII. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.